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Stone takes JFK files case to D.C.

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WASHINGTON — "JFK" director Oliver Stone was on Capitol Hill yesterday to drum up support for release of all government files related to the Kennedy assassination.

Stone met with Senate Intelligence Committee chairman David Boren (D-Okla.) and representatives Lee Hamilton (D-Ind.) and Louis Stokes (D-Ohio). Hamilton is a former chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, while Stokes chairs the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Stone also met with former CIA director William Colby and former FBI and CIA director William Webster. All of the meetings were arranged at the request of Stone, according to congressional staffers.

The lawmakers expressed support for release of the files and indicated that legislation is forthcoming to accomplish that goal.

"JFK" has prompted controversy by suggesting that nearly all branches of government participated in a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

A spokesman for Hamilton noted that the congressman had supported release of the assassination files even before "JFK" was released. Hamilton does not believe there was a conspiracy, according to his staffer, but believes that the files could prove valuable to historians and the general public.

Unless Congress takes action, the Kennedy files will remain sealed until the year 2029.